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SUBJECT: SPACE: CONTRACT FOR SYMPONIE LAUNCH

1. QUAI OFFICIAL BOISGELIN PASSED DRAFT LETTER TO SCIATT AND NASA REP FOR TRANSMISSION TO DEPARTMENT LETTER IS MEANT AS SUPPLEMENT TO ARTICLE XVI (4) OF NASA-CNES-GFW CONTRACT FOR SYMPHONIE LANCE SERVICES WHICH FRENCH AND GERMANS HOPE TO COMPLETE SOONEST. IT INTRODUCES WHAT IS APPARENTLY A NEW ISSUE INTO NEGOTIATIONS: IF FRENCH AND GERMANS WISH TO MAKE OPERATIONAL/ COMMERCIAL USE OF EITHER SYMPHONIE SATELLITE THEY WOULD NOT ONLY CONFORM WITH INTEL SAT BUT ALSO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH US TO HARMONIZE POSITIONS WITHIN INTELSAT DELIBERATIONS. FRENCH AND GERMAN EMBASSIES IN WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE APPROACH TO DEPARTMENT. BOISGELIN ADDED THAT FRENCH EXPECTED NEGOTIATIONS ON CONTRACT AND DRAFT LETTER WOULD TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON.

2. TRANSLATION OF DRAFT LETTER FOLLOWS:

"MR. SECRETARY OF STATE: I HAVE THE HONOR TO REFER TO THE CONTRACT WHICH HAS BEEN SIGNED THE ----- DECEMBER 1973 BETWEEN CNES AND UNCLASSIFIED

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GFW ON ONE SIDE AND NASA ON THE OTHER SIDE FOR THE SATELLITE

LAUNCHING AND RELATED SERVICES WHICH WOULD BE FURNISHED BY NASA
IN CONNECTION WITH THE LAUNCHING OF THE SYMPHONIE SATELLITE.

THE ARTICLE XVI (4) OF THIS CONTRACT ENVISIONAGES THAT IF
NASA CONSIDERS THAT A PLAN OF UTILIZATION OF A SATELLITE COULD
CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC OR SPECIALIZED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE,
CNES AND GFW WOULD TAKE MEASURES TO ALLOW INITIATION OF
CONSULTATION FORMALITIES IN INTELSAT CONFORMING TO THE STIPULATIONS
OF ARTICLE XIV (D) OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF TELECOMMUNICATION BY SATELLITE SIGNED IN WASHINGTON 20 AUGUST 1971
1971.

REFERRING TO THIS STIPULATION THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE AND
THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY RECALL THAT THE PROGRAM IS
ESSENTIALLY
EXPERIMENTAL IN THE DOMAIN OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS; NEVERTHELESS,
IN THE CASE IN WHICH THIS SATELLITE AND LATER ON THE SECOND SATELLITE
OF THE PROGRAM WOULD FUNCTION IN A SATISFACTORY MANNER, IT IS
POSSIBLE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FRANCE AND THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY WOULD WISH TO UTILIZE
THIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION FOR OPERATIONAL PURPOSES WHICH COULD BE
EVENTUALLY COMMERCIAL. IN THIS HYPOTHESIS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF FRANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF
GERMANY
CONFIRM THAT IT IS THEIR INTENTION TO CONFORM TO THE OBLIGATIONS
OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED INTELSAT AGREEMENT AND IN PARTICULAR TO ITS
ARTICLE XIV (D).

IN ADDITION ON THIS HYPOTHESIS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF FRANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY
WILL ENTER INTO CONSULTATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA IN THE INTEREST OF HARMONIZING THEIR POSITIONS
WITHIN THE DELIBERATIONS OF INTELSAT. (AU SEIN DES INSTANCES D'
INTELSAT.)

I WOULD BE PLEASED TO BE INFORMED OF THE AGREEMENT OF YOUR
GOVERNMENT ON THE ABOVE.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE, (NO SIGNATURE)" STONE

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